



REAL GIRL

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CHARACTERS



Hikari Tsutsui

His nickname is "Tsutsun." He is a boy who loves virtual reality. Having never had a relationship with a girl before, his days are filled with excitement after suddenly starting a relationship with Iroha.



Iroha Igarashi

She's a flashy, sexy real-life young girl. She quickly got close to Tsutsun. Although people say she's easy with the guys, she's serious with this one! However, Tsutsun has noticed that she sometimes says cryptic things.



Ito

Tsutsun's one and only friend. A classmate and fellow otaku who has cat ears for ears. Surprisingly gives good relationship advice.



Ishino-san

A female friend Tsutsun made thanks to Iroha. But she's such a gyaru that he sometimes can't follow what she's talking about.



Ezomichi

The heroine of Tsutsun's beloved anime "Magical Girl." She sometimes appears in Hikari's fantasies.



Mitsuya Takanashi

A bad guy who bullies Tsutsun because of his feelings for Iroha. He falsely accused Tsutsun of trying to kidnap his little sister.



Anzu

Mitsuya's little sister. She is used by her older brother. She likes Kaoru, her classmate.



Kaoru

Tsutsun's smart younger brother. Having an otaku for an older brother, he tends to be disappointed with life.

STORY

Hikari is a third-year high school boy who is a so-called "otaku" with no tolerance for love. But then, he suddenly gets asked out by the stunningly beautiful Iroha, and their relationship begins. After finding himself much happier than he expected, Hikari gets hit with some dark days. Mitsuya, a boy who has feelings for Iroha, accuses Hikari of trying to kidnap a little girl...!

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The story about my
friendship with another guy









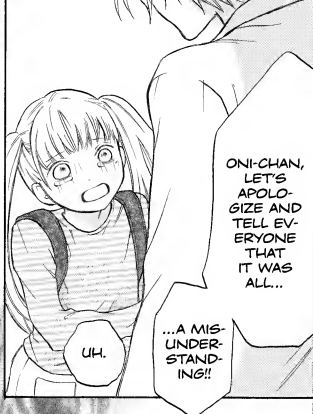
HUH...

YOU
SHOULD BE
PULVERIZED
FOR WHAT
YOU DID...

SO YOU
SET TSU-
TTSUN UP,
AND THEN
CALLED
HIM A
LOLICON...



APOLO-
GIZE...?



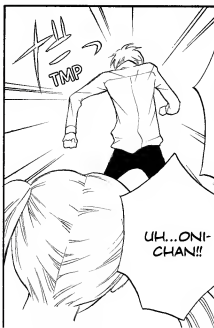
ONI-CHAN,
LET'S
APOLO-
GIZE AND
TELL EV-
ERYONE
THAT
IT WAS
ALL...

UH.

...A MIS-
UNDER-
STAND-
ING!!



I...



TMP

I'M
NEVER
GONNA
DO
THAT!!

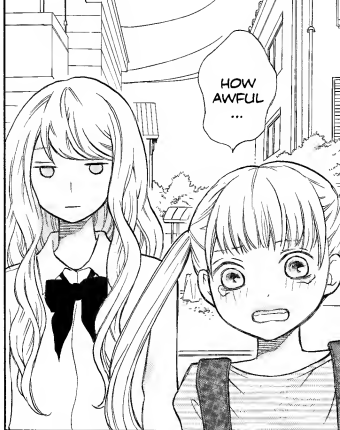
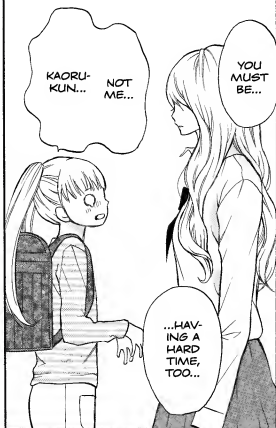
UH...ONI-
CHAN!!



ME...?

...BEFORE
HIM?!

HUMBLE
MYSELF...







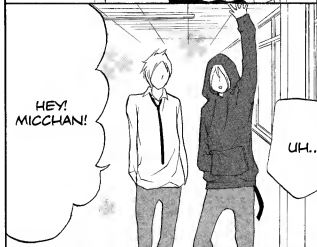




I...ONLY
HAVE
MYSELF
TO BLAME
FOR
THAT...

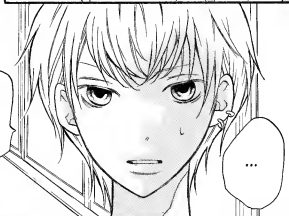


YOU
HAVEN'T
PUT IN
THE
EFFORT
TO BUILD
CREDI-
BILITY,
Y'KNOW
...



HEY!
MICCHAN!

UH...



...



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?
LET'S
HURRY
UP AND
GO TO
CLASS.

WHY
ARE YOU
TALKING
TO HIM?

HEY, ISN'T
HE THAT GUY
EVERYONE'S
TALKING
ABOUT?



**YOU CAN'T
TRUST
LOLICON!**

**DON'T BE
STUPID!
THERE'S
NO WAY I'D
TALK TO A
GUY LIKE
THAT!**



**LET'S
GO!!**



**TRASH...
HE'S
TOTAL
TRASH!!**





...AND
ONE OF
THEM IS
MY GIRL-
FRIEND!

I HAVE
TWO
GOOD
PEOPLE
BY MY
SIDE...

LIFE IS
GOOD.



IT'S NOT
FAIR THAT
ITO-KUN
CAN GO
HOME
WITH
YOU...

...AND I
CAN'T!



TSU
TSUI...

YOU
SEEM
ON
EDGE...

Heh
heh...

I...DON'T
CARE IF
THE WHOLE
WORLD IS
AGAINST
ME...





NO WAY...

I'M NOT
GONNA
FORGIVE
HIM...

WHOA,
DON'T SAY
STUFF LIKE
THAT!

It's
scary!

WE GOTTA
FIND A WAY
TO POP THAT
ARROGANT
JERK'S
INFLATED
HEAD...

NO...

THAT'S,
UH...

WELL
...

WHY
NOT?

...HOW
HE SET
YOU UP.

YOU
SHOULD'VE
TOLD YOUR
SIDE OF
THE STORY,
TOO...



THAT
GUY SAID
HE LIKES
YOU...

I CAN'T
TELL YOU
WHAT HE
SAID.



JUST FOR-
GET THAT,
WILL YOU...?

...SO I'M
SCARED TO
TELL YOU.

BESIDES,
YOU'VE
THROWN
YOUR BAG AT
SOMEONE
BEFORE...



YOU'RE
...

...HERE
BY MY
SIDE.

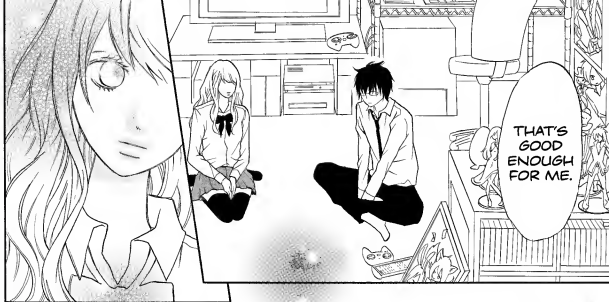
I SAID
THAT'S
ENOUGH.

I don't
want
to have
anything
to do
with
him.

ANYWAY,
YOU DID
NOTHING
WRONG,
TSU-
TTSUN.

BUT...

ENOUGH.



THAT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH
FOR ME.



WH...

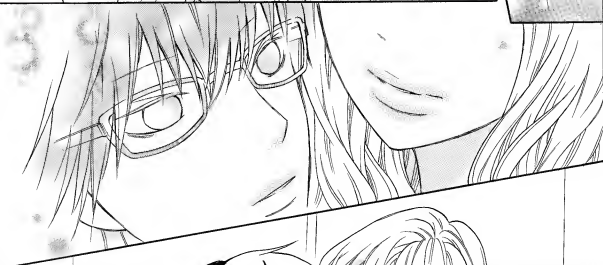
WHAT IS
IT NOW?



TSU-
TTSUN
...

I LIKE
YOU.







YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT
I'VE BEEN
THROUGH
...

WHAT?

YOU
OBVIOUSLY
DON'T GIVE
A DAMN...

It's
become a
pattern
for you...

I KNEW
IT...

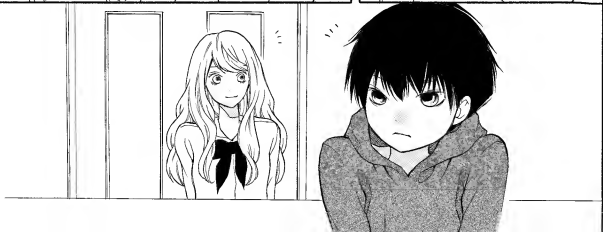
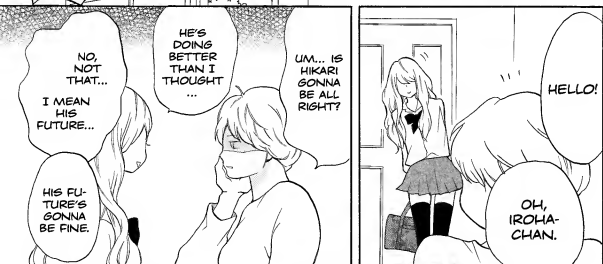


AND ALL
YOU DO
IS WATCH
ANIME
AND PLAY
GAMES!
YOU DON'T
TRY AT ALL!

I
TOLD
YOU, I
DIDN'T
...

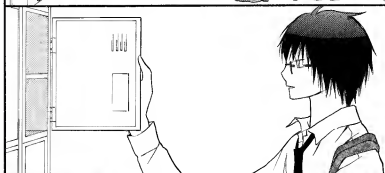
Huh?

DON'T "WHAT?"
ME! I'VE BEEN
SO NERVOUS
EVERY DAY THAT
OTHERS WILL
FIND OUT WHAT
YOU DID!!





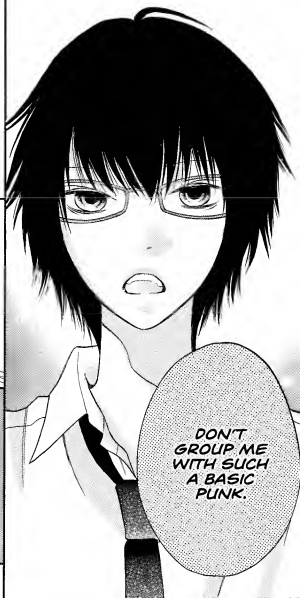












Ow
sorry.





SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

C'MON, MAN...

HIT ME BACK WITH SOMETHING!

YOU DON'T FIGHT BACK!



DON'T YOU THINK IT'S UNFAIR?

TELL ME ABOUT IT...

YOU'VE BEEN HIT, ACCUSED, BAD-MOULDED ...

NO, I'M NOT!

Such a pain.

I GET IT.

YOU'RE JUST AN ATTENTION WHORE.



BECAUSE ...

...I ALREADY KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS UNFAIR.

WHY ARE YOU PUTTING UP WITH IT ALL? YOU'RE JUST SPACED OUT.

IT'S CREEPY HOW YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING BACK!





I'M
REALLY
HAPPY
RIGHT
NOW,
Y'KNOW.

HM?



NOT
THAT...

NO...

HAVING A
HUNDRED
FRIENDS?

WHAT
MAKES
YOU
HAPPY?



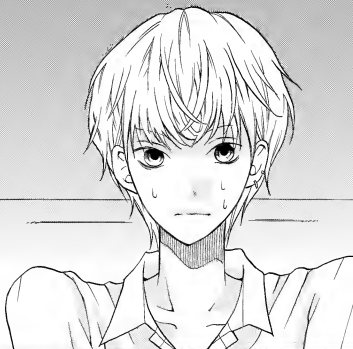
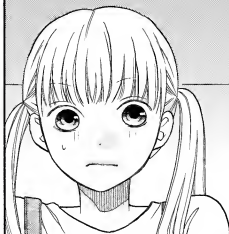
JUST
...

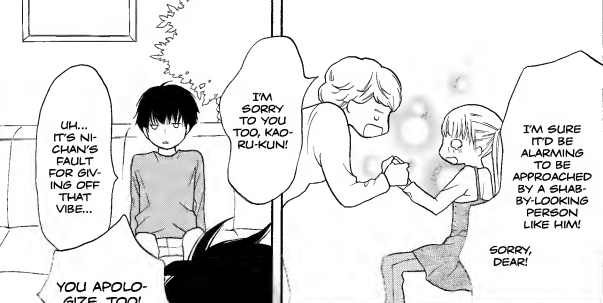
AS LONG
AS YOU
DON'T MESS
WITH ITO...
OR HER...I'M
FINE.

ANYWAY,
THAT'S WHY
I'M NOT
DEMANDING
AN APOL-
OGY.

YOU HAVE
A LOT OF
PRIDE, AND
PROBABLY
A LOT OF
THINGS YOU
WANT TO
PROTECT.







UH...
IT'S NI-
CHAN'S
FAULT
FOR GIV-
ING OFF
THAT VIBE...

I'M
SORRY
TO YOU
TOO, KAO-
RU-KUN!

I'M SURE
IT'D BE
ALARMING
TO BE
APPROACHED
BY A SHAB-
BY-LOOKING
PERSON
LIKE HIM!

SORRY,
DEAR!

YOU APOLO-
GIZE, TOO!

*Giving all
that abuse!*



IT'S
FINE...

I
THOUGHT
I'D FOREVER
LOST MY
RIGHTS
UNDER THIS
ROOF, SO...

YOU
SURE
THEY
DON'T
NEED
TO BE
MORE
HON-
EST...?



ANZU-
CHAN...

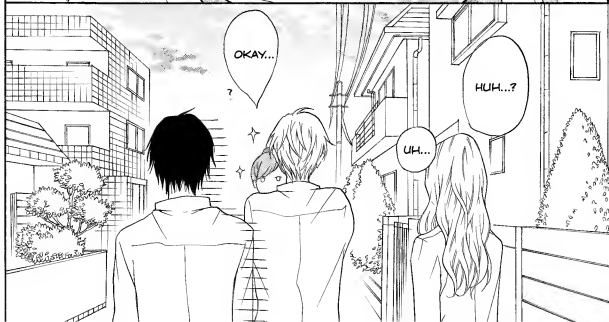
BE
CAREFUL.

DON'T GO
OFF WITH
PEOPLE
YOU DON'T
KNOW.





OKAY...





TSU-
TSUN,
YOU'RE
SO BIG-
HEARTED.

PEOPLE
SURE
CAN BE
AMUS-
ING...

ISHINO-
SAN
REALLY
IS A BAD
JUDGE OF
CHARAC-
TER...

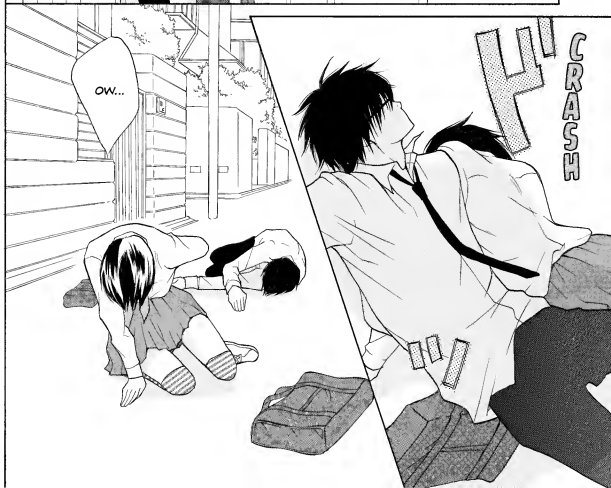


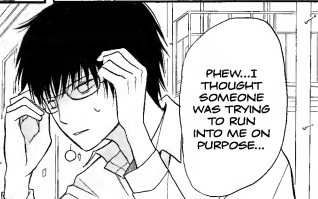
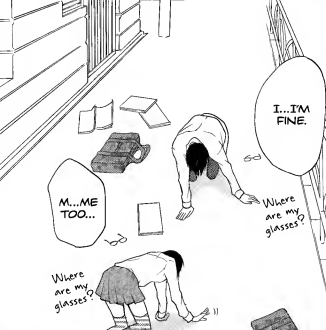
Huh...?

Hey!! Let's
exchange phone
numbers!!

I REAL-
LY LIKE
THAT
ABOUT
YOU.

HEY,
UH...



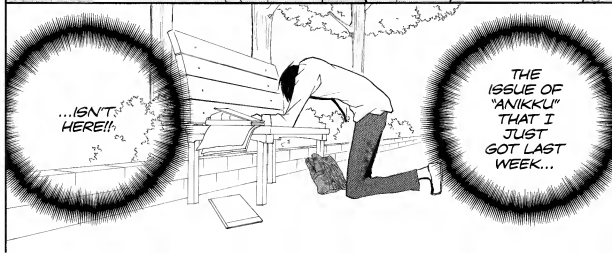




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The story about my
summer memories









I'M
GLAD I
FOUND
YOU!!

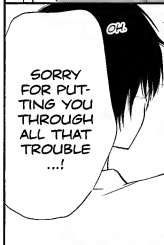
...AND I
LOOKED
FOR
YOU IN
EACH
CLASS!!

UH, YOU
DROPPED
THIS...

WE
BUMPED
INTO
EACH
OTHER!!

UM...ER...
YESTER-
DAY...

Oh
yeah!



SORRY
FOR PUT-
TING YOU
THROUGH
ALL THAT
TROUBLE
...!

OH

IT WAS
WORTH
RETURN-
ING IT TO
YOU...



TEAR!

YOU
REALLY
LIKE
THAT
MAGA-
ZINE,
DON'T
YOU?

WHAT
A RE-
LIEF
...



IT'S OKAY!
MORE IM-
PORTANT-
LY...



W
O
O
H
O
O
!!

WHAT'S
YOUR
FAVORITE
ANIME,
SEMPAI?

WH...

...LIKE THAT
MAGAZINE,
TOO, AND...

...I HAVE
A SUB-
SCRIPTION
WITH
THEM!!

UH, UH,
I...

UH...

LET'S
SEE...

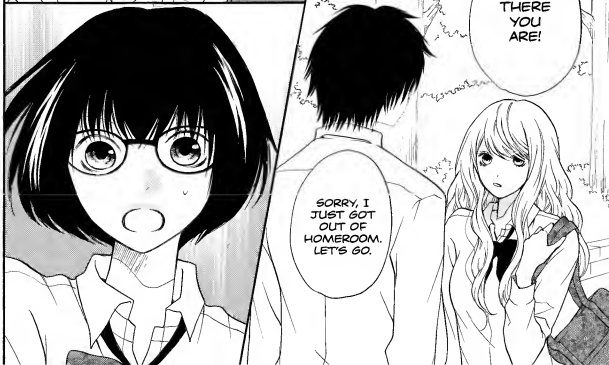
HUH?!

OH,
AND UH, I
THOUGHT IT
WAS MOST-
LY FUJOSHI
WHO READ
IT, BUT I'M
PLEASANTLY
SURPRISED
THAT THERE
ARE GUYS
WHO READ
IT, TOO!

I...IT'S A
GREAT
MAGA-
ZINE,
ISN'T
IT?!

THIS
MONTH'S
SPECIAL
GLASSES
FEATURE WAS
WONDERFUL!
IT HOLDS ITS
OWN AGAINST
THE BIGGER
PUBLI-
CATIONS, WITH
A UNIQUE
FANBASE...

IT'S A
SMALL
PUBLI-
CATION, BUT
THEY HAVE
A LOT OF
PICTURES
AND INTER-
VIEWS!



HELLO.

IT'S A...

...PER-
FECT
3D
GIRL!!

...WENT
OUT OF
HER WAY...

...TO RE-
TURN THE
MAGAZINE I
DROPPED
...

OH,
THIS
GIRL...

I
DIDN'T
KNOW...

...YOU
HAD A
REAL
SOCIAL
LIFE,

SEMPAI
...!

I MISTAKENLY
ASSUMED YOU
WERE LIKE
ME...

I'M
SO
SOR-
RY!!



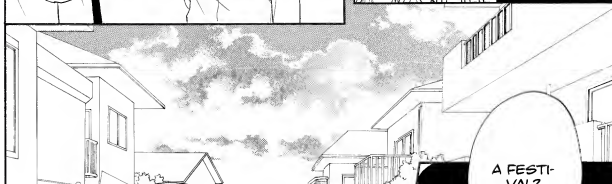
BEATS
ME...

WHAT
GOT INTO
HER...?



DASH

EX-
CUSE
ME!!



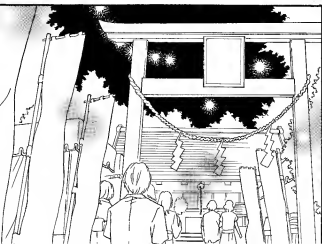
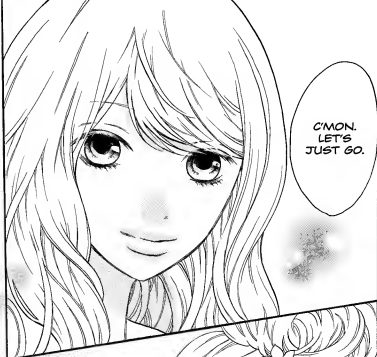
I...HAVEN'T
BEEN TO ONE
OF THOSE IN
A WHILE, SO
I'M NOT VERY
CONFIDENT...

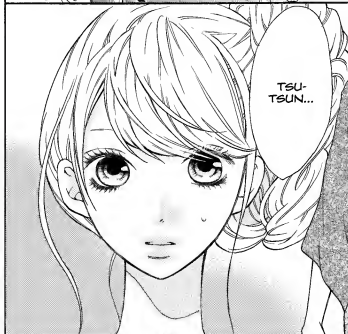
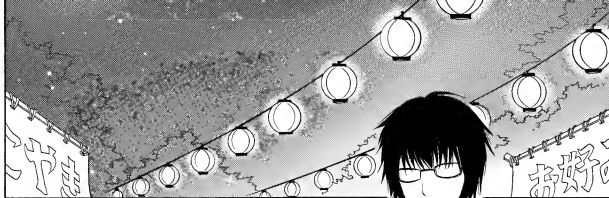
YEAH. MY
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD IS
HOLDING A
SMALL FESTI-
VAL AT THE
END OF THE
SUMMER.

ABOUT
WHAT...?



A FESTI-
VAL?









TO BE
HONEST

...

...I NEVER
ENJOYED
THESE
EVENTS.



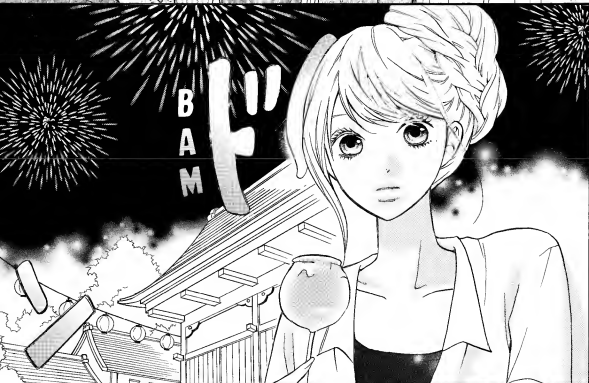
...MADE
ME FEEL
LIKE I WAS
GRADUALLY
SHRINKING.

BEING
SURROUNDED
BY PEOPLE
HAVING FUN...

OH!

APPLE







YOU
ALWAYS
...



...BRING ME
OUT OF MY
SHELL SO
EASILY.

HUH?



Something
would happen
if I were
in a crowd.
Being in
front of the
TV is the
best seat in
the house.

LED is
definitely
a different
experience.
All right.



NO!
IT'S NO!
NOT THAT!

DO YOU
HATE
FESTIVALS,
BY ANY
CHANCE?



I SHOULD...

IT'S
HARD
TO EX-
PLAIN...



IT'S HARD
TO...

...SPEAK TO
MORE PEOPLE.



HEH
HEH!



...PUT MY
FEEL-
INGS INTO
WORDS.



Wanna eat
some cotton
candy, Anzu?

Yeah!

Ha
Ha
Ha!

THE
YAKISOBA
NOODLES
STRAIGHT
AHEAD...

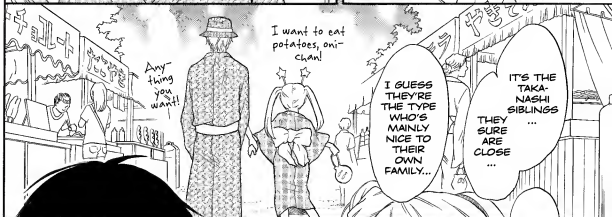
OH.



I...

...
WANNA
EAT THAT
...

WHAT?



I want to eat
potatoes, oni-
chan!

Any-
thing
you
want!

I GUESS
THEY'RE
THE TYPE
WHO'S
MAINLY
NICE TO
THEIR
OWN
FAMILY...

IT'S THE
TAKA-
NASHI
SIBLINGS
...
THEY
SURE
ARE
CLOSE
...



HE'S A
GOOD-
LOOKING
GUY,
SO...



Huh?
WELL...

HUH?
WHY?

DID YOU
FEEL ANY-
THING...
WHEN
HE FIRST
TALKED TO
YOU?



HUH?

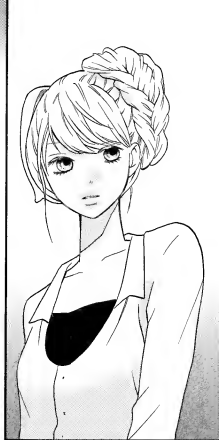
HUH?

TSUTSUN...
WHAT DO YOU
TAKE ME FOR?

HAVE
YOU NOT
HEARD
ANYTHING
I'VE SAID
'TIL NOW?

ARE YOU
ANGRY?

YEAH!



IF ALL I
WANTED
WAS A
GOOD-
LOOKING
GUY...

I
HAVE...

...
I WOULD'VE
DATED ONE
FROM THE
START!

SOME-
TIMES
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO...
...ABOUT
THAT
SUBSER-
VIENT
SIDE OF
YOU.

Not just
that, I have
a feeling I
just got put
down.

IT
REAL-
LY IS
HARD...
...TO
EX-
PRESS
MY-
SELF
IN
WORDS.



WHY
IS SHE
BEING
LIKE
THIS...?



SHE'S
NOT
RE-
SPOND-
ING
NOT IN
CLASS, TO MY
EITHER TEXTS
... ..



I...FEEL
REST-
LESS
INSIDE...



THIS IS
BAD.

AND WE
WERE...

...HAVING
SO MUCH
FUN, TOO...







ALSO...

AND
RECENTLY,
I'VE BEEN
GETTING
INTO THE
SERIES,
"YESTER-
DAY'S
DIGITAL
BRAIN."

I'M
THINK-
ING OF
READING
THROUGH
IT.

I BOUGHT
"ANIKKU" SINCE
IT PUBLISHED
AN INTERVIEW
WITH THE VOICE
ACTOR I LIKE.



SORRY...
I'M LOOK-
ING FOR
SOMEONE
RIGHT
NOW.

I KNOW
A LOT
ABOUT
THAT...

S-SEMPAI,
PLEASE
HAVE A
SEAT!

UH.



YOU
KNOW
WHERE
TO FIND
ME...!

B A W

SURE!

N-NEXT
TIME,
THEN!



LET'S
CHAT
NEXT
TIME WE
GET A
CHANCE.





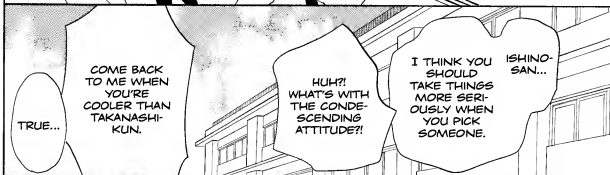
WHAT IS
A FRIEND,
ANYWAY...?

WHAAAT?!

YOU'RE
USELESS
AS A
FRIEND.

NO.

AREN'T YOU
GONNA SET
UP AN OPPOR-
TUNITY FOR
TAKANASHI-
KUN AND
ME TO HANG
OUT?



TRUE...

COME BACK
TO ME WHEN
YOU'RE
COOLER THAN
TAKANASHI-
KUN.

HUH?!
WHAT'S WITH
THE CONDE-
SCENDING
ATTITUDE?!

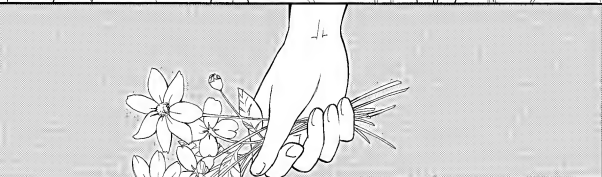
I THINK YOU
SHOULD
TAKE THINGS
MORE SERI-
OUSLY WHEN
YOU PICK
SOMEONE.

ISHINO-
SAN...



DEATH...!!







HER
BODY
IS THE
ONLY
THING
THAT'S
GOOD
ABOUT
HER!

AYADO!

HA
HA
HA
HA



AYADO...

AYADO?

NO
ONE'LL
EVER
DATE
HER LIKE
THAT!!

SERIOUSLY,
SHE'S WAY
TOO
GLOOMY!







AND I LIKE THAT SCHOOL STORY, "NOSE BLADE," 'CAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF PARTS THAT MAKE ME TEAR UP.

I'VE RECENTLY GOTTEN INTO THE ONE THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

IF YOU ASK ME...



BESIDES
ANIME, I
REGULARLY
WATCH THE
"SENTAI"
SERIES.

AS FOR
VOICE
AC-
TORS...

MORIKO
TADA...

...OR
TOKI
FUJ-
ISHIRO...

HE'S
TALKING
TO ME...



...ALSO LIKE
THE "SENTAI"
SERIES.

...SO I
DON'T
HAVE TO
LISTEN TO
THOSE
GUYS...

UH, I...



THE
CHARACTER
DEVELOP-
MENT HAS
NEVER BEEN
SO DEEP.

YEAH,
DEFI-
NITELY.

YES!
ESPECIALLY
THE PINK
RANGER!

I THINK
THIS
SEASON'S
"FOAMING
SENTAI"
IS REALLY
WELL DONE.

ぼ
T
E
A
R
?

THE EX-
HOSTESS
PLOTLINE
FEELS
REALLY
FRESH...

I'M
SORRY.

I...

...AND I'M
WEIRD,
SO...

...I GET
NERVOUS
WHEN I
TALK TO
PEOPLE...

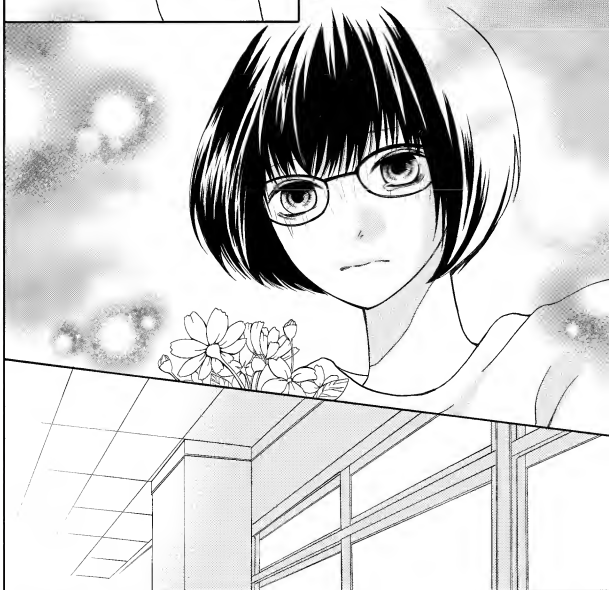
UH...

I ALWAYS
GET MADE
FUN OF...









ト" POW
ゴ" "

WHAT'S
...

HEY,
ISHINO-
SAN...



HOW
...

This
thing's
blunt,
y'know!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DO-
ING?!

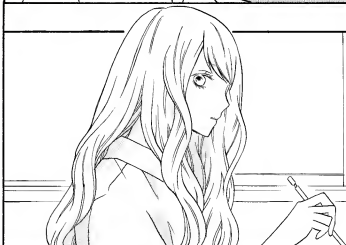
WHEN
DID YOU
BE-
COME
SUCH A
PLAY-
BOY?!

...DARE
YOU GIVE
FLOW-
ERS TO
ANOTHER
GIRL
WHEN
YOU
HAVE
SUCH
A CUTE
GIRL-
FRIEND?!

YOU
HAVE
IT ALL
WRONG!!

Agh!

LOOK AT
YOURSELF
IN THE
MIRROR!!



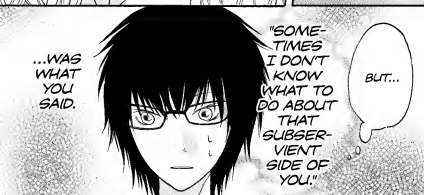


THAT'S
NOT IT.

I'VE
BEEN
LIKE
THIS ALL
MY LIFE.
THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN...

BUT...
THAT
SUBSER-
VIENT
SIDE IS
EN-
GRAINED
IN ME...

IT
JUST
COMES
OUT.



...WAS
WHAT
YOU
SAID.

"SOME-
TIMES
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO ABOUT
THAT
SUBSER-
VIENT
SIDE OF
YOU."

BUT...



COULD
YOU EX-
PLAIN?

SORRY
...

I WON'T
KNOW
WHAT I
DID IF YOU
DON'T
TELL ME...



WHAT...?



HOW DO
YOU NOT
KNOW?



WHATEVER.



...DOES
IT HAVE
TO BE
THIS
WAY?

WHY...

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The story about how
I apologized

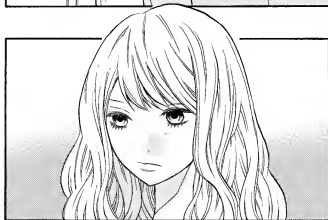








I DON'T
WANT US
TO KEEP
FIGHTING.



**NO!! I
REALLY
DON'T
GET IT!**

YOU'D
GET IT IF
YOU JUST
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT.
IT'S NOT
ABOUT BE-
ING ABLE
TO READ A
SITUATION...

THAT'S
NOT THE
ISSUE
HERE.

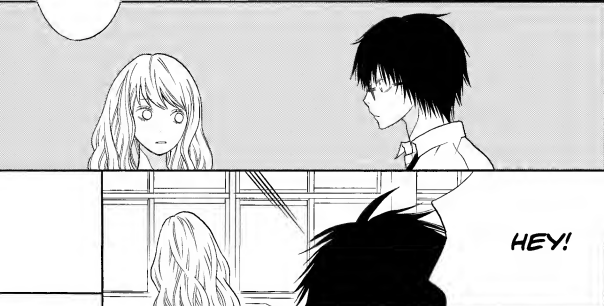
I'M THE
WAY I AM
BECAUSE
I DON'T
HAVE THAT
ABILITY!



PLEASE
TELL
ME...

I DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
READ
SITUATIONS,
AND I'M
TERRIBLE AT
GUESS-
ING.

I WON'T
GET IT
UNLESS
YOU
TELL ME
STRAIGHT
UP.



...SHE COULD ONLY INTERPRET THAT AS SPITE!! I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!!

NO! I DIDN'T SAY THAT OUT OF SPITE. BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...







I FELT
VERY
HAPPY. I
WANT TO
BE CONFIDENT
IN
MY OWN
SKIN GOING
FORWARD.

THAT'S
VERY HONEST
OF YOU,
AYADO-SAN.
GLAD TO
HEAR.



NOT
AT
ALL!

NAH, YOU
WEREN'T
ENCOUR-
AGED...

IF ANY-
THING,
I'M
SORRY
I WAS
BEING
WEIRD.



UH, YEAH!

YOU
REALLY
ENJOY
IT, DON'T
YOU...?

DID YOU
DO ALL
THIS,
AYADO-
SAN?

I don't
know
much
about
flowers...



IF YOU GIVE
THEM LOVE,
THEY RESPOND
IN A WAY
THAT'S EASY
TO UNDER-
STAND.

I LIKE
IF YOU PLANTS.
TAKE
CARE OF
THEM,
THEY
GROW
QUICKLY.



...SINCE I'M
REMINDING
THEY NEED
ME TO CARE
FOR THEM!

OH, AND
THEY
GIVE ME
A REASON
TO COME
TO SCHOOL
WHEN
I FEEL
DOWN...



THEY
AREN'T
DIFFICULT
LIKE
PEOPLE...



...I'M
LOOKING AT
MYSELF...

IT'S LIKE...



PLEASE
TAKE
THEM
WITH
YOU!

I
HARVESTED
THESE
POTATOES!

OH,
THAT'S
THE
BELL...

OH! WAIT A
MINUTE!!

DING

DONG



IT'S MY PLEASURE!

UH...
THANKS...



PLEASE! I
INSIST! AS
A TOKEN
OF MY
THANKS
FOR YES-
TERDAY!

POTA-
TOES...?



RIGHT!

BUT...

ANYWAY...I
KNOW YOU
DONT
WANNA GO
TO CLASS,
BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE LATE...



TODAY
LOOKS TO
BE A GOOD
DAY!

I'M REALLY
GLAD THAT I
GOT TO TALK
TO SOME-
ONE THIS
MORNING.





AND NO, I
HAVEN'T.

YOU
MEAN
IGA-
RASHI-
SAN?

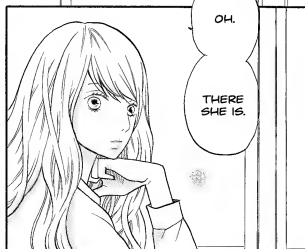
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
WITH
THOSE
POTA-
TOES?

GOOD
MORN-
ING, ITO.

YOU
HAVEN'T
SEEN
HER
AROUND,
HAVE
YOU?



UH...



OH.

THERE
SHE IS.



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G
A
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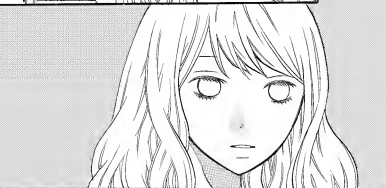
I'LL COME
BACK
ANOTHER
TIME.

...



EVEN IF I
WANTED
TO APOLO
GIZE, I
CAN'T!

I STILL
DON'T
KNOW
WHY SHE'S
ANGRY.

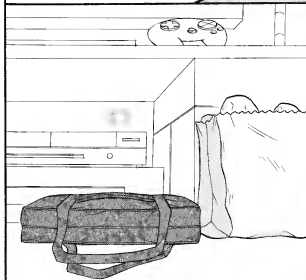


I'M
SCREWED...

EVEN GOOGLE
DOESN'T KNOW
THE ANSWERS.

SIGH.

Search





UNABLE TO DENY THE STALKER VIBE OF THE WHOLE SITUATION, TSUTSUI ISN'T SURE WHAT TO DO.



EXPLANATION:

AFTER FRANTICALLY CHECKING IROHA'S ADDRESS, TSUTSUI HAS ARRIVED AT HER HOUSE.

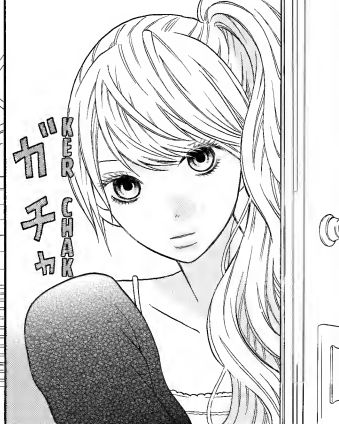


YEAH, I REALLY SHOULD JUST GO HOME.

AND WHAT IF I REALLY GET MISTAKEN FOR A STALKER?

WHAT DO I DO IF HER PARENTS COME OUT? THEY MIGHT NOT KNOW SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND, AND THEY'LL BE DOUBLY SHOCKED IF THEY REALIZE HE'S A SHABBY GUY LIKE ME.





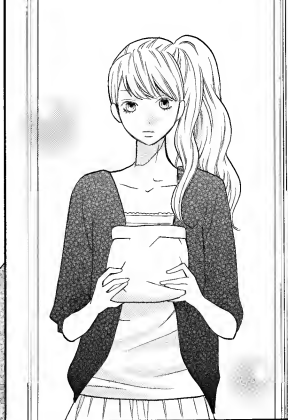
NO. I'M FINE...

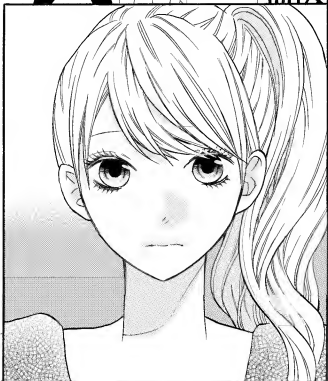
WHAT'S UP?

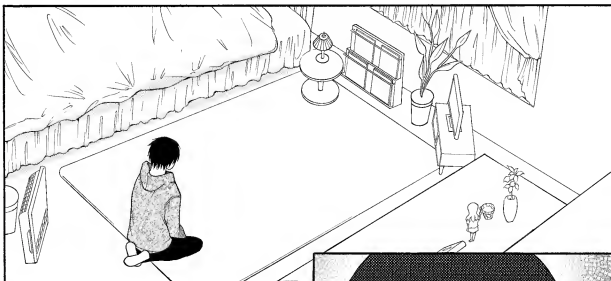
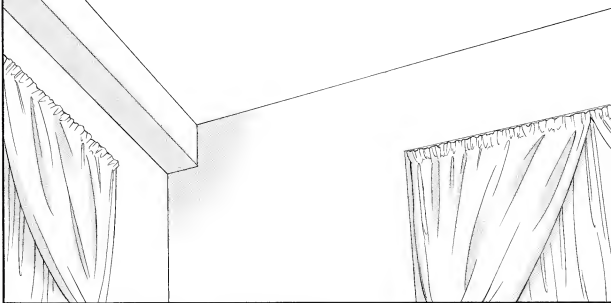
SORRY FOR
YOU MUST BE COMING
CREEPED UNAN-
OUT BY NOUNCED.
ME NOW...

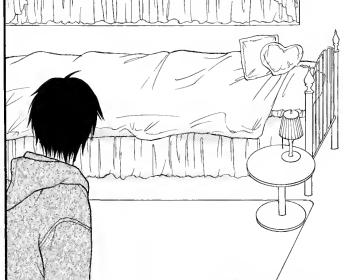
...HUH?

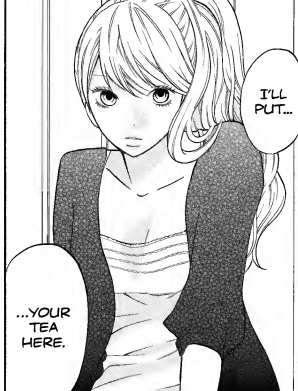


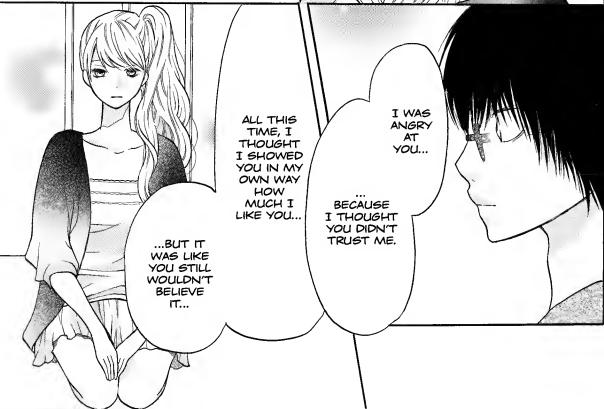
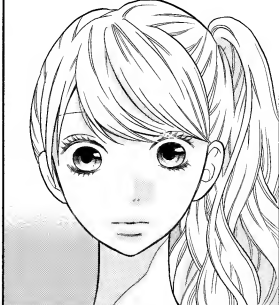














NO
ONE
HAS
EVER
LIKED
ME BE-
FORE.



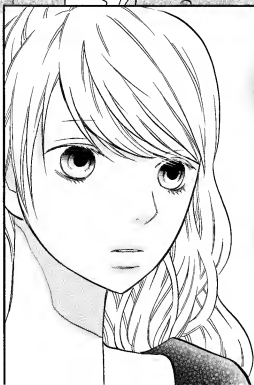
WELL,
OBTU-
OUSLY!



I JUST
COULDN'T
BELIEVE THE
SITUATION I
WAS IN.



IT
DOESN'T
MEAN
THAT I
DON'T
TRUST
YOU...





I'M
LUCKY...

...THAT I
HAD THE
CHANCE
TO!

IT'S JUST
THAT NO
ONE'S
NOTICED THE
GOODNESS
IN YOU,
TSUTSUN.

HOW MANY
MORE
TIMES DO
I HAVE TO
TELL YOU
THAT I
LIKE YOU
FOR YOU
TO BELIEVE
ME?



I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT...





I DON'T
BELIEVE
THAT I
CAN BE
THIS
HAPPY...



UH...



HEY...

HEY...

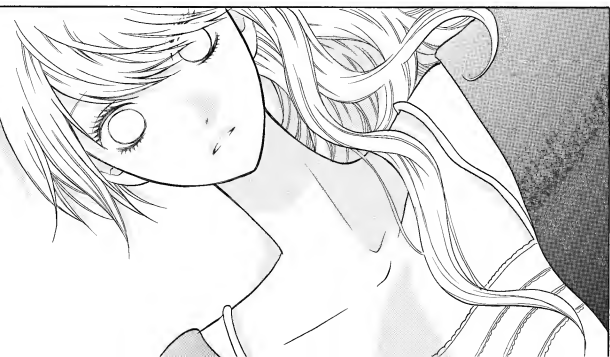
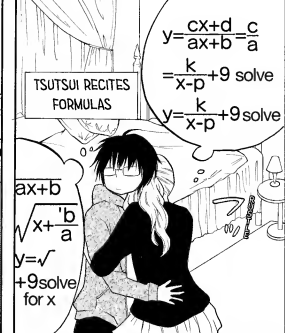


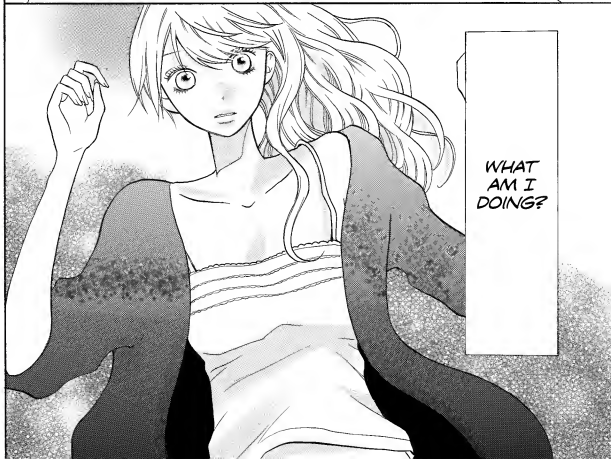


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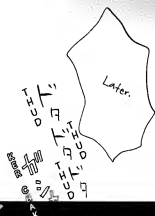


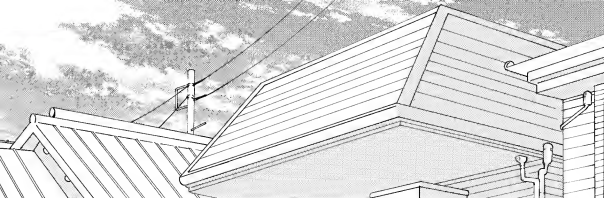
WHAT
AM I
DOING?



I'M
SORRY!







I'm not bitter or
in pain. I have
my 2D world.



TSUTSUI, SUBJECTING HIM-
SELF TO AUTOSUGGESTION



TSUTSUI, KILLING
HIS EMOTIONS

WHATEVER
HAPPENED,
I WAS
ABLE TO
CONTROL
MYSELF.



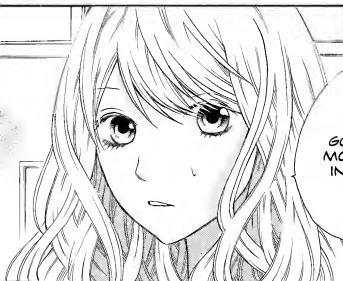
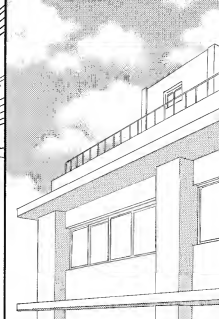
I SCARE
MYSELF...

I...



UNTIL
NOW,
REASON
HAS
BEEN...

...THE ONLY
CONSTANT
IN MY LIFE.







PLEASE
TAKE THEM.



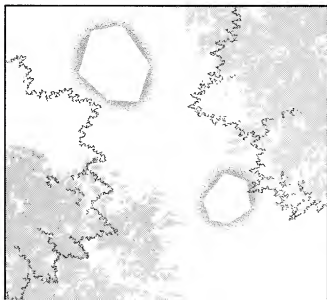
HERE...
I MADE
THESE
FROM THE
POTA-
TOES YOU
SHARED
WITH ME
TWO DAYS
AGO.



Let's see...what
other sweets can
I make with
potatoes...

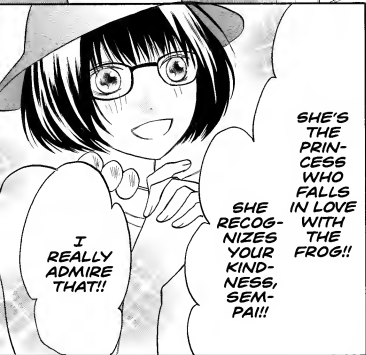
...I SPENT
THE NIGHT
MAKING
SWEETS.

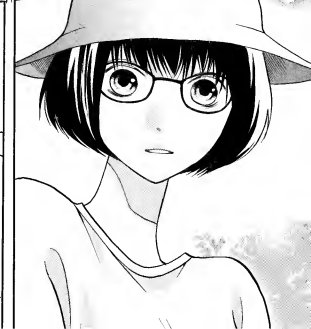
YEAH...
FOR SOME
REASON, I
COULDN'T
SLEEP YES-
TERDAY,
SO...

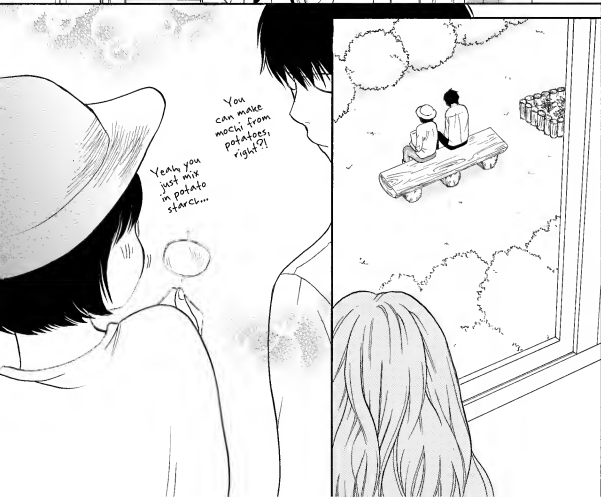


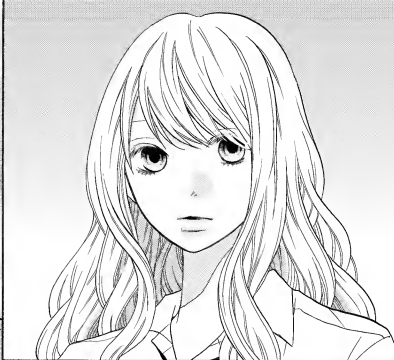
TH-
THESE
ARE
HOME-
MADE
...!!

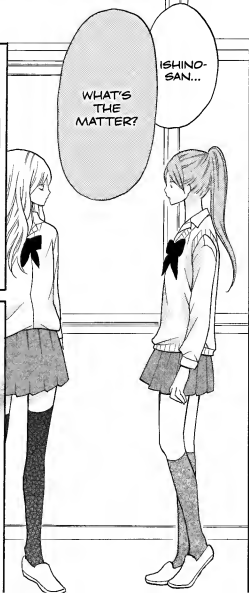
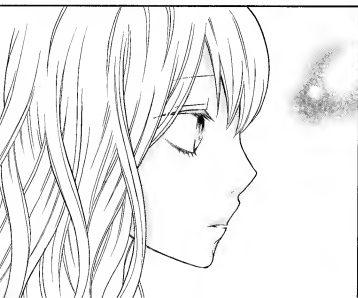
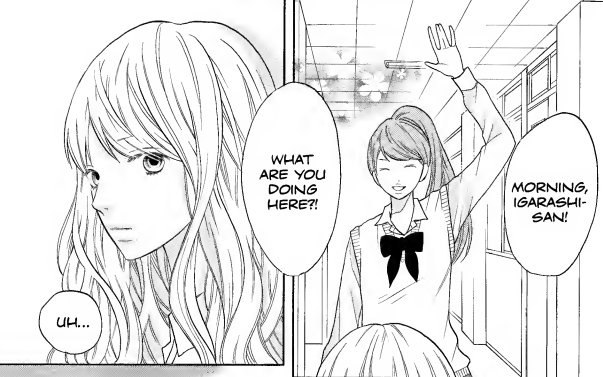
YOU'RE
GIVING
THEM TO
ME?!
WOW...













WHY DOES
IT HAVE
TO BE LIKE
THIS?

A black and white manga-style illustration of two young women in school uniforms. They are standing side-by-side, looking out of a large window. The girl on the left has long, straight hair and is wearing a light-colored sweater over a collared shirt, a dark pleated skirt, and dark knee-high socks with sneakers. The girl on the right has long hair tied in a ponytail and is wearing a similar sweater and skirt, but with patterned knee-high socks and loafers. A large, empty oval speech bubble is positioned to the left of the girls, containing the text 'WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS?'. The background shows the window frame and a plain wall.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 4!!

Special Chapter

Spring fever





TSUTSUI,
STILL IN
THE MIDDLE
OF A FIGHT
WITH IROHA

YEAH,
IF I
COULD...

BUT I WILL
SAY, ITO
HAS BEEN
BUSY A LOT
THESE DAYS.

On the
roof-
top?
In the
court-
yard?

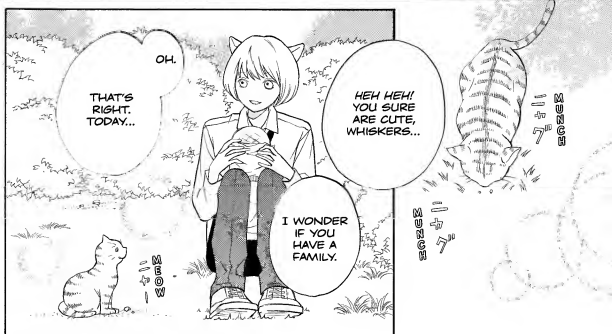
I
GUESS
I'LL
EAT
ALONE
TODAY,
TOO.

MEOW

COULD
HE...

"JUST
HAVE
LUNCH
WITH
IGARASHI-
SAN!"

...BE TRY-
ING TO
GIVE ME
SPACE?







I'M SO
SORRY,
ITO!!

TSU-
TSUI
...

UH,
WHAT
ABOUT
IGA-
RASHI-
SAN?



BUT...I
DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT I...

THESE DAYS...
THERE HAVE BEEN
SO MANY THINGS
GOING ON THAT I
HAVEN'T LOOKED
AFTER YOU.



UH,
I'M NOT
REALLY...

I...I'M
NOT
LONELY
OR ANY-
THING.
C'MON!

I'VE
JUST
LIKED
CATS TO
BEGIN
WITH...

...MADE YOU
FEEL SO
LONELY...

か BLUSH っ



THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!!

...NEVER
MIND
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
GAMES
ARE!

JUST
SO YOU
KNOW,
A CAT
DOESN'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
YOU TELL
IT...

THEN WHY
ARE YOU
TALKING
TO A CAT
ABOUT
GAMES?!



I'LL
ALWAYS BE
THERE TO
LISTEN!!

IF YOU'RE
GONNA
TALK ABOUT
GAMES, TALK
TO ME, NOT
A MANGY
CAT!

YES,
IT
IS!!

TSUTSUI,
YOU
IDIOT!!



**YOU'RE
BEEN REALLY
ARROGANT
THESE DAYS,
TSUTSUI!!!**



**YOU'RE
SO
INSENSI-
TIVE!!**



**THE
REASON
I CAME
HERE HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU!**



**AND TELL-
ING ME
TO TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT
GAMES!**

**I'M NOT
A CHILD!!**

**WHAT
THE
HECK
DO YOU
MEAN
YOU
HAVEN'T
"LOOKED
AFTER"
ME?**





WHAT
DID I
DO? I
MADE
ITO
OUT TO
BE A

LONER!

IT'S FINE
THAT HE
MAKES
NEW
FRIENDS,
EVEN IF
IT'S A CAT.

IT'S FINE
THAT
ITO HAS
HIS OWN
WORLD.

IT'S
TRUE,
WHO DO I
THINK I
AM?!



I CAN'T
HELP BUT
FEEL MY
COMMUNICA-
TION
SKILLS
NEED A LOT
OF WORK.

I ENDED
UP MAKING
ANOTHER
PERSON
ANGRY,
EVEN
THOUGH
IT WASN'T
MY INTEN-
TION TO
FIGHT...



...BEING
ALONE
HAS BEEN
NATURAL
FOR ME.

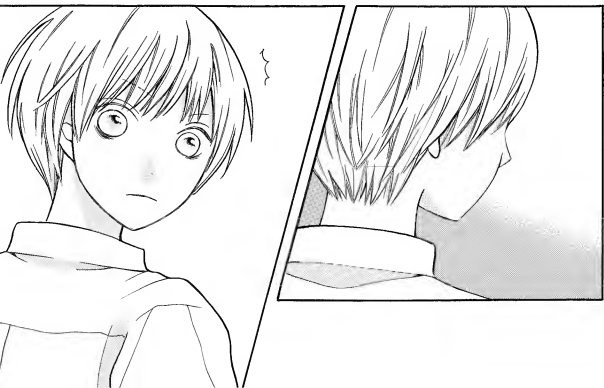
SINCE
THE
VERY
START...

I
WONDER
WHY
THAT
IS...

CLASS FORMATION - CLASS 1

63RD KODAN
JUNIOR HIGH
OPENING
CEREMONY







CAN I
HELP
YOU?

...



S-SORRY. YOU
WERE READING,
SO I WASN'T
SURE WHEN I
SHOULD TALK
TO YOU.

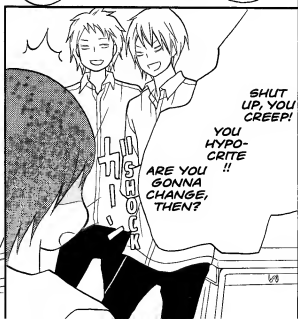


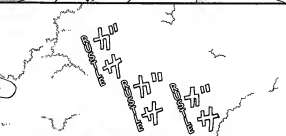
I'M ITO.
NICE TO
MEET
YOU.

THIS
IS THE
FIRST
TIME
WE'RE
IN THE
SAME
CLASS,
RIGHT?















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CHAPTER

Welcome Banner for the New Students

A few people







SORRY!



...I WAS
LATE AS I
WAS LOOK-
ING FOR
THEM.

I LOST
MY INDOOR
SLIPPERS
DURING
GYM, SO...



HOW
SHOULD
WE
START?

ALL RIGHT.
I'LL START
MEASURING
FROM OVER
THERE.

OKAY.

...
DIVIDE
IT INTO
SEVEN
PARTS
...
...
AND
THEN
MARK
IT
...

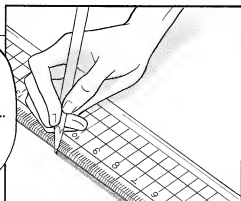
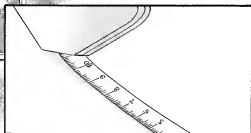
WE'LL
MEAS-
SURE
THE
BAN-
NER
...

UH...
WELL...



I
THOUGHT
YOU BAILED
ON ME.

SORRY...







It can be so useful!



...HE'S
A F...
FRIEND,
SO...

I KNOW
THAT'S
WHAT HE
THINKS
OF ME...

...BUT...

...ALREADY
KNOW.

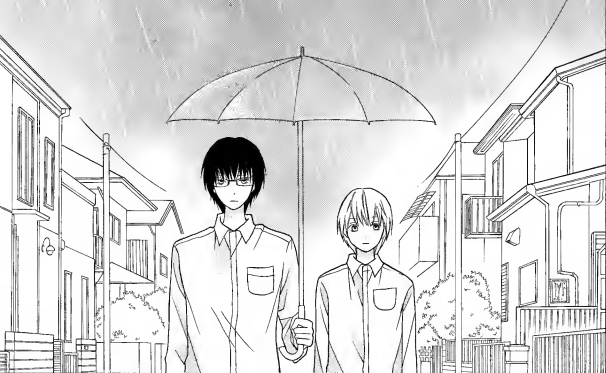


IF I CAN BE OF
USE TO HIM,
THEN THAT'S
GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME.









...I DON'T
THINK
ANYTHING
GOOD WILL
COME
OUT OF
YOU BEING
NICE TO
ME.

NO...

...BUT...

YOU
THINK
THIS IS A
BOTTER
AGAIN,
DON'T
YOU?



UH...



OR
MAYBE
I AM...

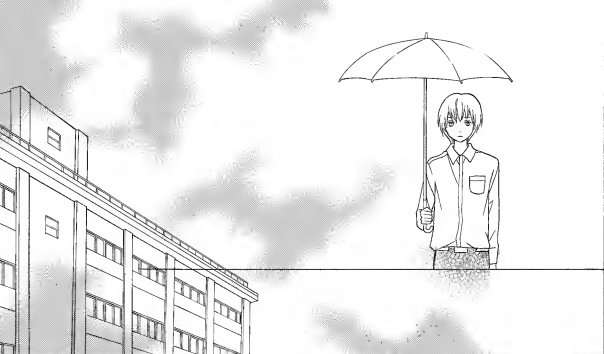
...BE-
CAUSE
I DON'T
WANT
THEM
TO HATE
ME.

I'M UNABLE
TO REFUSE
MACHIDA-KUN
AND THE
OTHERS...

I'M NOT
NICE TO
PEOPLE
BASED ON
WHAT I CAN
GAIN FROM
IT!







OR BECAUSE
HE DOESN'T
EXPECT THAT
FROM
PEOPLE?

ITO, DID YOU
DO YESTER-
DAY'S HOME-
WORK?

IS
HE DOING
IT SO HE
WON'T
INCONVE-
NIENCE
ME?

HEY, YOU
FIND THIS
STUFF
INTEREST-
ING?

MORNING,
TSUTSUI!!

YEAH,
WELL
...

THANKS,
MAN.

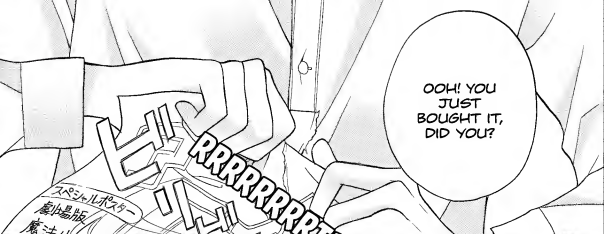
YOU
SHOULD
SHARE
THAT
KIND-
NESS...

...WITH
SOME-
ONE
WHO'LL
RETURN
IT.

I JUST
BOUGHT
THAT...

I HATE
GETTING
INVOLVED IN
CONFLICT.

ITO, I NEED
THE ONE
FOR MATH!





HOW
DO
YOU
KNOW
THAT?

"ANIMAIID"
IS 800
YEN AN
ISSUE. I
COULDN'T
LET HIM
DO THAT...



SEE...

THIS IS
WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN
YOU GET
INVOLVED.



...AND
YOU'RE
SO STUB-
BORN.

YOU'VE
CHOSEN
TO GIVEN
UP ON
SO MANY
THINGS...

...JUST
A SELF-
CON-
SCIOUS
TEEN.

YOU'RE
...

I'M
PUTTING
YOU IN
YOUR
PLACE...

... 'CAUSE
I WANT
TO HANG
OUT WITH
YOU.

WHEN WE
FIRST MET,
I COULDN'T
HELP BUT
TALK TO
YOU.

I'VE
KEPT IT A
SECRET,
BUT I
LIKE
ANIME,
TOO.

Oh He's
reading
"Ani-
maid"...

I WAS
JEAL-
OUS OF
YOU FOR
BEING A
GUY...

...WHO
COULD
OPENLY
SAY HE
HATES
WHAT
HE
HATES.

ON
STARTING
SCHOOL
CONGRATULATIONS



S

YOU'RE NOT
GONNA DIE JUST
'CAUSE PEOPLE
HATE YOU.

You shouldn't
hang out with
them.

Being
cheerful
is not
that
great.



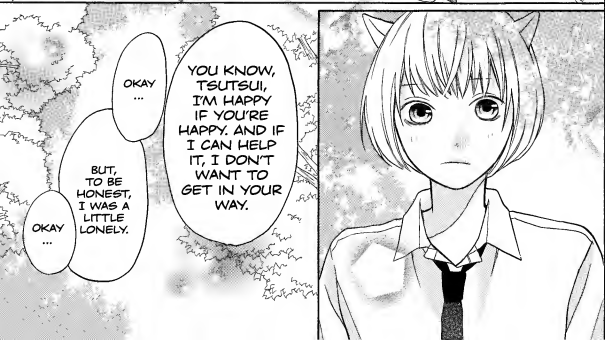
ITO.

IF ITO
HATES
ME NOW...

...I
WILL
DIE.

NO, NOT
IN THIS
CASE.







THE END

Hello!!

Thank you for choosing
the third volume! It's me,
Nanami Arasa the hermit.

(I really don't know what to
do about my image.)

The third volume! It
went by so quickly! I
always quietly take a
peek at twitter and
other social media.

Thank you so much! I
hope you enjoyed this
volume, too.



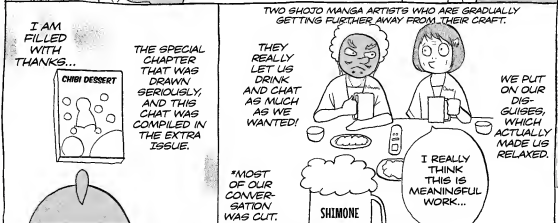
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As for why I was so holed up,
I had to complete a special
chapter at around the eleventh
story for the 15th anniversary of
"Dessert" magazine! Since I'm
already bad with deadlines, I
was afraid that my manuscript
wouldn't be ready, so I stopped
going out. I also had to do the
cover of a "Bessatsu" extra, so
I honestly shut myself in for 3
months.

Everyone! Let's bathe in
the outdoor sunlight! I
realized how important it
is to get some sun!

As I greet the end of summer
with my pale unburnt skin,
I encourage myself with a
positive attitude, saying "I
still managed to accomplish a
lot!"





OKAUE-SAN AND I APPARENTLY HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BEING DRUNKARDS. (ALTHOUGH IT'S TRUE...)

AI OKAUE-SAN'S WORK, "STRANGE DUO" ALSO IS BEING SOLD WITH RAVE REVIEWS.

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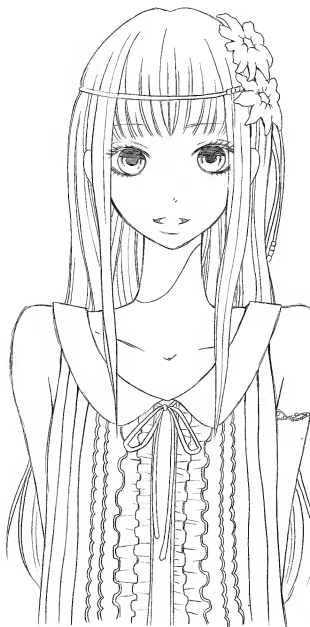
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And

You

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